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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 18, 29, 36, 40 and 47 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 33-58 are presented for examination.

Claims 18, 22-29, 31-34, 36, 38-40 and 42-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0133598 issued to Strahm (hereinafter "Strahm"). Further, claims 19-21, 30, 37 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strahm. Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable over Strahm.

Strahm discloses initializing a connection using network addressing, and that security protocols are established and authenticated as are compression protocols. Examples of security protocols include transport layer security (TLS), secure sockets layer (SSL), and wireless TLS (WTLS)". See Strahm at [0024].

Claim 18 of the present application recites a conversion system to perform first security format conversion and the second security format conversion based on a conversion indication received from the network interface including information regarding a type of conversion to implement. Applicants submit that Strahm does not disclose or suggest receiving a conversion indication from a network interface including information regarding a type of conversion to implement. Thus claim 18, and its dependent claims, are patentable over Strahm.

Independent claims 29, 36, 40 and 47 include limitations similar to those in claim 18. Accordingly, claims 29, 36, 40 and 47, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over Strahm for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 33.

The Examiner has rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strahm in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,055,171 issued to Martin (hereinafter "Martin"). Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable over Strahm and Martin.

As discussed above, Strahm does not disclose or suggest receiving a conversion indication from a network interface including information regarding a type of conversion to implement. Further, Martin does not disclose or suggest such a feature. Therefore, any combination of Strahm and Martin would not disclose or suggest the feature. Accordingly, the present claims are patentable over Strahm and Martin.

Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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